

Upper Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting March 15, 2010

In Attendance:

<u>Board of Supervisors</u>

Guy A. Donatelli, Chairperson
Catherine A. Tomlinson, Vice-Chairperson
Kevin C. Kerr, Member

Township Administration
Cary Vargo, Township Manager
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary
Karen Wertz, Treasurer
Cheryl Neri, Assistant Treasurer
Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator
Mike Heckman, Public Works Director
Dave Leh, P.E., Gilmore & Associates
Chris Williams, P.E., McMahon Associates

Mr. Donatelli called the meeting to order at 7: 00 p.m., led the salute to the flag and offered a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to approve as presented the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Board of Supervisors' meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to pay all vendors as listed March 14-20, 2010. Mr. Donatelli abstained from Check #18638 as it is a client of his Firm. The Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Wertz reported that the Finance Department has been preparing for the 2009 audits of both the Township and the Municipal Authority accounts. Other activities over the past month include meeting with several banks as we plan to upgrade our electronic banking efforts, 5-year Plan preparation, miscellaneous report preparations, compilation and submission of appropriate documentation for the snow storm reimbursement – there were \$110,000 in expenses; PEMA will reimburse for a 48-hour period; we expect our reimbursement to be @ \$60,000.

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors Report

Mr. Donatelli announced the following: an Executive Session was held on March 9, 2010 regarding real estate for a Public Works Depot; the trash/recycling collection contract bid is due March 26; the Fellowship Fields Lighting Project bid is due April 1.

Mr. Donatelli read the following Emergency Services reports for January and February: Ludwigs Corner Fire Company January-3 fire calls, 7 QRS calls / February 4 fire calls, 10 QRS calls; Lionville Fire Company January 8 fire calls / February 8 fire calls; East Brandywine Fire Company January 0 calls / February 0 fire calls, 1 EMS call; Glenmoore Fire Company January 1 fire call / February 0 fire calls; Uwchlan Ambulance January 22 calls / February 32 calls.

Mr. Donatelli read the following calendar: March 29, 2010 1:00-7:00p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive in memory of Elaine Benson; April 2, 2010 Office Closed; April 12-16, 2010 Local Government Week;

April 13, 2010 4:00 p.m. Joint Boards & Commission Workshop; April 18-21, 2010 PSATS Convention in Hershey; April 19, 2010 7:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported receipt of a preliminary land development plan for Brandywine Springs Farm (Shea Property, 8 lots) located on Park Road and a land development plan for Jonathan Thir (8500 SF office/retail building) located on Park Road at Ticonderoga Boulevard. Both plans will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at their April 1, 2010 meeting.

Building/Codes Department Report

Al Gaspari reported the Department issued 15 building permits in February, with fees totaling \$3,420. Orleans Builders filed for Chapter 11, which has affected property settlements in Byers Station, and Township Solicitor John Good is guiding us through this situation. Pre-bid meetings were held for the trash/recycling collection contract and the Fellowship Fields Lighting Project. Eleven contractors are interested in the lighting project. The Eagle Tavern recently experienced a fire, which fortunately sustained limited damage.

Plans are underway for the Township's 2nd Annual Block Party -- June 19, 6:00 p.m. – to include entertainment by local bands, another great fireworks display and the Park & Rec Board decided to hold an adult "Big Wheel" race. More details in coming weeks!

John Mahoney made comment regarding roadway paving in The Mews given Orleans bankruptcy.

Police Chief's Report

Chief DeMarco was called away this evening.

Public Works Department

Mike Heckman reported that during February, the Department's activities included repairing damaged signs from 2 wind storms, responding to the 2 snow storms (69" snow total), attending training, and preparing roadway milling, paving and pavement marking bid specifications. Four vendors responded to the street sweeping Request For Proposals, and Reilly Sweeping provided the lowest quote at \$5,796. The sweeping will take place in April. Mrs. Tomlinson reminded Mike to coordinate the sweeping to take place on non-trash collection days.

Land Development

Mr. Donatelli summarized Gunner Properties' Conditional Use request (Fred Gunther) for Grand Sport Auto to conduct business at 12 Pottstown Pike. John Good prepared a Decision & Order from the February 16, 2010 Hearing, with a condition that a wall/fence be installed shielding the view of Route 100 travelers from vehicles awaiting repair.

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to grant the Conditional Use as drafted by John Good. The Motion carried unanimously.

Administration

Mr. Donatelli summarized Ordinance # 2010-03 which adds Byers Station and Greenridge Development stop signs and speed limits to the Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance as several roadways in those developments have recently been dedicated to the Township. Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to adopt Ordinance #2010-03. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Donatelli summarized Resolution #03-15-10-07 which authorizes the submission of Shryock's proposed gpd increase (from 1,000 to 7,350 gpd) into Uwchlan Township's Municipal Authority system to PaDEP for review.

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to approve Resolution #03-15-10-07. Discussion included the following: this submission was reviewed by several other agencies and all approved of the increase; currently, there is no land development plan submitted to Upper Uwchlan; the

property is @ 4 acres after the County & State's purchase last year; Upper Uwchlan's public sewage plan is not affected as the Shryock property has service through DARA. The Motion carried with 2 ayes and 1 abstention (Mr. Donatelli).

Mr. Donatelli introduced an authorization to advertise Sight Distance and Road Design Ordinance amendments, for adoption in April. The amendment process began last year, concerns were expressed and the amendments have been prepared to address everyone's comments. The authorization to advertise this Ordinance was unanimously approved.

Open Session

Steve Senn, Jr. commented on traffic light timing along Route 100. Mike Heckman advised that the lights are timed and on a loop and are currently under study for possible adjustments this Spring. Chris Williams advised that within the Village side streets will be favored but Graphite Mine Road flow will be the priority.

Bob Fetters, Jr. commented on red lights during the overnight hours on Route 100 at Fellowship Road. Chris Williams advised that, for an unknown reason, the light functions differently from how the controller is programmed and they continue to seek a resolution.

John Mahoney commented the pedestrian button at West Township Line and Route 100 doesn't work.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik Township Secretary